

THE PORTFOLIO

April 2022

Covenant United Church of Christ



Celebrating Jesus

Palm Sunday—April 10

Special Preludes 10:15 AM

Worship Service 10:30 AM

Maundy Thursday—April 14

Communion Service 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday—April 17

Special Preludes 10:15 AM

Worship Service 10:30 AM

UPCOMING

**Women's Fellowship
Dessert Meeting**
MON APRIL 25, 6:30 PM

**Church Council
Meeting**
TUES APRIL 26
6:30 PM

TIME CHANGE?

The Church Council is considering changing the Sunday morning service time to 10AM.

Please give your thoughts to a Council member or to Moderator Nate Herendeen.

If change is to take place, it will not be before summer.

Love Like Spring

Althea Debruk

"For the winters past, and the rain is over and gone. The flowers are springing up, and the time of singing birds has come, even the cooing of turtledoves. The fig trees are budding, and the grapevines are in blossom. How delicious they smell!

Yes, Spring is here! Arise, my beloved, my fair one, and come away." Song of Solomon 2:11-13 TLB

This Scripture awakens feelings of excitement, joy and anticipation as the season changes. The cloudy and dreary winter of broken relationships and lost love is over. Flowers of new love appear adding delightful color and beauty to the countryside. Adults and children alike shout and sing for joy!

Spring's arrival ushers in new birth and renewal of youth and vitality. Birds and bees begin to circulate among the tender trees and blossoms. The earth awakens and love blossoms out, just as God ordained.

God's Face in the Moonlight



By Sandy Allen. *As I was driving to Orlando Regional Hospital to be with a gentleman from Community of Faith UMC who was dying, I truly believe that I saw God's face in the clouds & wrote this when I returned home, after he had passed.*

I looked up at the sky, tonight
And I saw God's face in the starlight
He smiled as He looked at me
And I wondered, what could He see
Was it all the good I had done, today
Or was it the bad things, I had to say
As I thought about Him and His creations
I wondered, how could I ever thank Him
For sending His Son to die for me

But it was easy - - - - -

I looked to the sky and fell to my knees
And again, I saw His face in the moonlight
Waiting for me to thank Him and ask for forgiveness, tonight
For all the wrongs, I have done, today
But another thank you, should also be said for
Giving me strength and leading me the right way
As I study His Word, I am beginning to understand
Why I am never alone, be it day or night
For He is there to listen, even though He is out of sight
I always remember to take my time
When I walk and talk with God
For I am as special to Him as He is to me
And He will help me do what He knows is right !!!

NURSERY ATTENDANT NEEDED

There is a need for a nursery attendant during our church service. If you are interested or you know of someone who would be interested, please contact Nate Herendeen at 716-772-7243.

It would be an every Sunday morning commitment of 15 minutes prior to the start of worship service thru the close of worship.

TREASURER REPORT

MARCH 2022

Income:	\$ 3,874.00 (Sunday Collection)
Expenses:	<u>\$ 7,297.55</u>
Shortfall:	\$ 3,423.55

Shortfall includes Quarterly Insurance Payment of \$3,763.25

Submitted By Burniece Herendeen
Treasurer

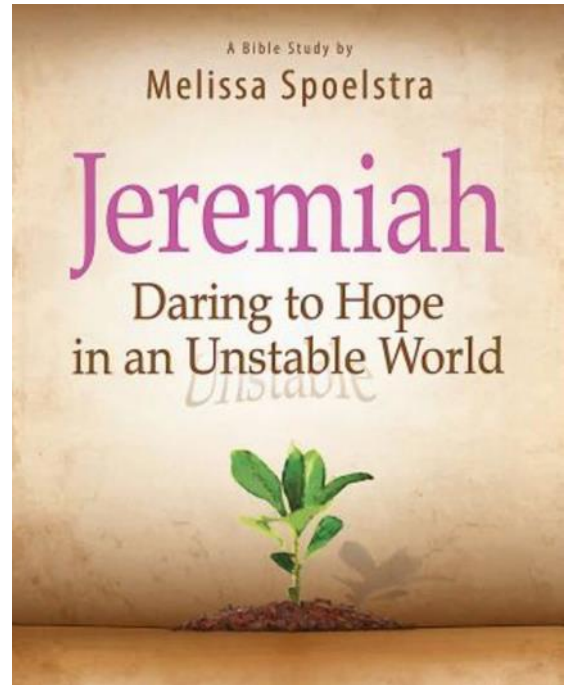
SEEKING SISTERS STUDY GROUP

Sandy Allen, Group Facilitator

There is a new session of the Study Group starting in May. We will be studying, "Jeremiah: Daring to Hope in an Unstable World" by Melissa Spoelstra. The first day will be May 3 at 10:00am in the Fireplace Room. Books will be handed out that day, along with watching an Introduction Video. Books for this session will be \$13, due on May 3. Last day will be June 14. Each session is usually finished by 11:45am. Also, please bring your own drink as they will not be furnished.

All ladies are invited to participate. Please sign-up in the Fireplace Room by April 15th so books can be ordered (or contact Sandy Allen via email or phone

sandhallen@yahoo.com or call - 863-370-5425)



WOMENS FELLOWSHIP

Next WF Dessert Meeting is Monday, Apr 25th at 6:30

Update from Monday March 14, 2022 12 people present.

- Discontinue Baby gifts
- Donate \$200 to the Ukraine (Donna will research further with the Humanitarian Fund for Ukraine, that the St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church of Buffalo is sending their collections to).
- Need a person to take charge of the meals and gift certificates program.
- Diva Diva - Girls Night Out. Wednesday, May 11th - Tickets \$25 and arranging for dinner before the theater. Would like chairperson to organize the evening!!
- Lockport Care Net Pregnancy Center- Touring the facility on Thursday, April 28 at 9:30 AM. Please let Donna know you want to come see what services they offer, including the blessing closet and a new ultrasound machine! We also will be doing "Change for Life" Baby bottle campaign between Mother's and Father's Day, so start saving change to fill those bottles! (Cash/Check also accepted)



SPRING WREATHS ON SALE SOON

Our Craft Bazaar workshop team been working hard on various projects, including spring-themed wreaths that will be available for purchase now rather than waiting for fall! Please see Carol Genet for more information.

In March, the workshop made blue and yellow ribbons to help show support for Ukraine, and enjoyed a visit from John Tipton.





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Worship With Us SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM



"When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
and pour contempt on all my pride"

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**Church office hours are
Fridays, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**